



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH of ENGLAND

(VA) FIRST SCHOOL

24th February 2020

Nursery Newsletter 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely half term holiday.

This half term our topic is 'All Creatures Great and Small'. In Nursery we will be exploring a range of animals focusing firstly, on zoo animals and then, farm animals. We will be using the texts, 'Dear Zoo' and 'Driving my Tractor'. We will also be visited by Animal Story. Animal Story will bring an assortment of animals to show the children, following the format of the Dear Zoo story. This visit will cost £6 per child. Payments can now be made through ParentMail.

Key dates for Nursery this half term are:

- Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March – Book Week
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character
- Thursday 5th March – Bedtime Stories 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Friday 6th March – Class visit to Gosforth Library (Parent Helpers needed please)
- Monday 9th – Friday 13th March – Science Week
- Tuesday 10th March – Visit from the Dental Nurse
- Tuesday 17th March – Visit from Animal Story
- Friday 20th March – 2.30pm – Mothers' Day Service and Afternoon Tea
- Thursday 26th March – 12.30pm - Nursery visit to Walker Dome (Parent Helpers needed please)
- Friday 27th March – Forest School, please ensure children wear old clothes with long sleeves.

We will continue to send home library books this half term. Please ensure your child returns their library book to Nursery each week and please make a short comment in your child's reading record.

In PE, we will be continuing to advance our skills on the climbing equipment. PE will usually be taught on a Wednesday. PE kits should be left in school (on cloakroom pegs). Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for PE. It would be very helpful if any child with long hair could have their hair tied up in a ponytail on this day too please. Thank you.

Children should also bring in a water bottle every day. Please remember this should be filled with water only. A healthy snack is also provided each day for children in Nursery, therefore children do not need to bring their own.

To help support your child further at home, you could encourage your child to use both a knife and fork at mealtimes, support to dress independently, to put on their own coat and look at different animals and the sounds they make.

Nursery Wish List

Understandably, we use a great deal of malleable items and we would really appreciate it if you could send

any of the following items into Reception at any time.

- Pasta
- Shaving foam
- Cream of tartar
- Flour
- Food colouring

Many thanks in advance.

The classroom is a busy place – there's always jobs to do! If any parents feel they can donate any (regular) spare time and would be interested in coming into school to help, please let me know!

If you have any questions, please do pop in to see me at the end of the school day, once all children have been dismissed or if you would prefer to contact me by email, the address is:

kathleen.francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.

We look forward an exciting term in Nursery!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Francis and Mrs Brown